1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4.	Goa	50	20	0	0	0
5.	Gujarat	2571	2445	4183	2474	770
6.	Haryana	1182	641	56	31	0
7.	Himachal Pradesh	30	30	15	30	23
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	2	1	2	11	0
9.	Karnataka	5564	7521	7846	4572	5079
10.	Kerala	3152	22051	19526	30373	14040
11.	Madhya Pradesh	5895	6013	5559	4254	3113
12.	Maharashtra	10675	4410	4987	1500	1263
13.	Manipur	0	0	0	0	0
14.	Meghalaya	165	547	0	0	0
15.	Mizoram	300	100	0	0	0
16.	Orissa	2271	2723	5539	477	2713
17.	Punjab	2364	421	0	388	415
18.	Rajasthan	2494	1994	1911	1382	1358
19.	Sikkim	50	40	-	150	111
20.	Tamil Nadu	12800	9948	7676	7366	7974
21.	Tripura	92	387	507	0	0
22.	Uttar Pradesh	17348	5122	4553	3810	675
23.	West Bengal	150	25	2000	0	1649
24.	A & N Island	40	0	0	0	0
25.	Daman & Diu	0	10	0	0	0
26.	Delhi	3726	2686	1763	831	3768
27.	Pondicherry	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	114680	122895	116817	113646	60935

[Translation]

LPG to Rural Areas

2701. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether LPG is provided in rural areas;

(b) if so, the number of villages covered so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) As per the latest policy of the Government, in order to extend LPG marketing to rural areas, all towns in the country with a population of 10,000 and above, offering adequate potential for a commercially viable distributorship after considering the population of adjoining villages within 15 KMs radius, are to be included in the marketing plan under preparation. Large rural complexes with villages of population of 10000 and above as nucleus and rural areas and large towns are also proposed to be included in the marketing plan. Rural areas within the jurisdiction of existing LPG distributorships and persons in rural areas on LPG vouchers issued by Members of Parliament are also being supplied LPG.

[English]

Arrears

2702. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of rental arrears against Ex-Ministers, Ex-MPs, VIPs and Ex-Bureaucrats outstanding as on March 1, 1997;

(b) the details of rental arrears waived off by the Government and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of rental arrears recovered during each of the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to recover fully these rental arrears?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Rental arrears as on 1.3.97 are Rs. 472.59 lakhs.

(b) There has been no waiver case during the last one year.

(c) The year-wise details of rental arrears recovered during the last 3 years are as under :

Year	Amount
1994-95	51.82 lakhs
1995-96	92.88 lakhs
1996-97	113.13 lakhs

(d) Necessary action as per rules has been initiated to recover pending rental arrears.

[Translation]

Regularisation of Colonies

2703. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any proposals to regularise unauthorised colonies of Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b) Proposals have been received from the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi for regularisation of unauthorised colonies in Delhi as existed on 31.3.1993. However, in CWP No. 4771/93, the High Court of Delhi has restrained the respondents including Union of India, from taking any decision or action to regularise any unauthorised colony till further orders. The matter is still sub-judice.

[English]

Drought Prone Areas Programme

2704. SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of districts in different States of the country under D.P.A.P. schemes, State-wise;

(b) whether any project proposal has been submitted by the Government of Tripura for implementation of D.P.A.P. in South Tripura District of the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to accord sanction to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Under the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), 155 districts in 13 States are presently covered. The State-wise coverage is attached as statement.

(b) and (c) As per the available information, no project proposal has been received from the Government of Tripura for the implementation of D.P.A.P. in South Tripura district. Even otherwise, Tripura and other North Eastern States of the country have not been covered under the Programme, since these States do not fulfil the criteria of percentage rainfall and irrigation as well as of Moisture Index, which is an index of moisture stress on vegetation.

Statement

	State	Number of DPAP Districts
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11
2.	Bihar	16
3.	Gujarat	10
4.	Himachal Pradesh	3
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	2
6.	Karnataka	11
7.	Madhya Pradesh	25
8.	Maharashtra	22
9.	Orissa	8
10.	Rajasthan	10
11.	Tamil Nadu	15
12.	Uttar Pradesh	18
13.	West Bengal	4
	Total	155

Oil Selection Board

2705. SHRI K. KANDASAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government is aware that at present the posts of Chairman and Members of Oil Selection Board (Southern Region) are vacant; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to expedite the appointment of Chairman and Members?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Oil Selection Boards have since been